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## INVITATION FOR DETERMINATION

SIR:

The present application is a continuation application claiming priority from U.S. patent application number 09/602,588 and now U.S. patent number 6,408,277. U.S. patent number 6,408,277 is presently the subject of Interference number 105,248.

In accordance with the Administrative Patent Judge's Order of January 13, 2005 and as it pertains to Interference number 105,248, "upon receiving indication of allowable subject matter in the application, [the Applicant shall] invite the examiner to determine whether any

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allowed claim corresponds to the count in th[e] interference and whether issuance of the patent in th[e] interference application should be suspended pending the outcome of the interference."

The Examiner indicated in the office action mailed January 7, 2005 that "[c]laim 67 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph." The Examiner further indicated that "[c]laims 63 and 64 are allowed."

As the Examiner indicated the presence of allowable subject matter, the Examiner is hereby invited to determine whether any of these allowed claims (63, 64 and presently objected to claim 67) correspond to the count in Interference number 105,248 and, further, whether issuance of the application should be suspended pending the outcome of the interference.

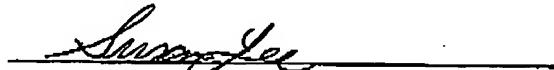
Applicant believes items 1 and 2 of the January 13 Order have been complied with in that the Examiner was informed of the count by Applicant's January 18, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement and, further, that the Applicant is presently unaware of any change in the count.

A copy of the January 13 Order is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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(Patent 6,408,277),

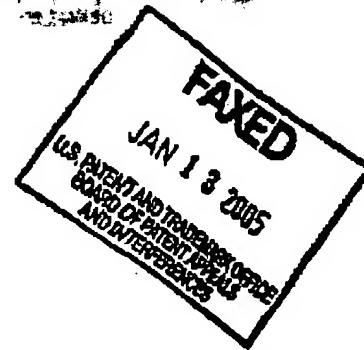
v.  
ERIC HORVITZ  
Senior Party  
(Application 09/364,527).

Patent Interference No. 105,248

Before LEE, Administrative Patent Judge.

Summary of Telephone Conference  
and Related Order

On January 12, 2005, a telephone conference was held between the administrative patent judge and respective counsel for the parties to discuss the items contained in each party's intended motions list. Requests for filing priority motions were acknowledged but counsel for the parties were told that they will not be considered until an appropriate time in due course since determination of priority has been deferred. The filing of a motion for judgment based on prior art, identified as Item 1 on party Nelkin's list, was authorized and counsel for Nelkin was instructed to limit the attack on each Horvitz claim to one ground under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and one ground under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Nelkin must pick the best prior art to assert against Horvitz and not file a multiplicity of alternative assertions.



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Interference No. 105248  
Nelken v. Horvitz

As for all the items on party Horvitz's list, which should have been numerically numbered to facilitate identification, counsel for Horvitz agreed to withdraw each request if the claim or motion identified on the list was withdrawn. The administrative patent judge would order that party Nelkin would keep the examiner in each application filed by party Nelkin, identified application up-to-date as to the count in this interference and would invite the examiner to determine, prior to issuance of those applications, whether those cases contain claims drawn to the same patentable invention as the court in this interference and if so to suspend prosecution pending the outcome of this interference. Counsel for both parties indicated that the administrative patent judge had issued a similar order in at least one other interference and that both parties would be satisfied if the same could be done in this case to obviate the motions identified on party Horvitz's list. The administrative patent judge found the proposal acceptable. Therefore, all items identified on party Horvitz's motions list are considered withdrawn insofar as filing of motions by Horvitz are concerned, and it is

ORDERED that in each of the applications identified on Horvitz's list of motions served on January 10, 2005 (Paper No. 32), party Nelkin shall:

1. Inform the examiner of the current count in this interference;
2. Keep the examiner continuously updated as to any change to the count, as well as any additional or substituted counts in this interference;
3. Immediately upon receiving indication of allowable subject matter in the application, invite the examiner to determine whether any allowed claim corresponds to the count in this interference and whether issuance of the application should be suspended pending the outcome of this interference;
4. When communicating with the examiner with regard to items 1-3 above, enclose a copy of this communication.

January 13, 2005

Interference No. 105,248  
Nelken v. Horvitz

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